

Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies

The *Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies* (JB GIS) is a union of leading international societies dealing with geospatial information and represents those societies at the international level, especially with regard to the United Nations and other global organizations. Its other goal is to coordinate activities of societies and organizations in the field of geospatial information.

Members of JB GIS are:

- ❑ Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Association
- ❑ IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society, (IEEE-GRSS)
- ❑ International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
- ❑ International Cartographic Association (ICA)
- ❑ International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

- ❑ International Geographical Union (IGU)
- ❑ International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO)
- ❑ International Map Trade Association (IMTA)
- ❑ International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
- ❑ International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM).

JB nominates its president for a two-year period, and their permanent address is within the FIG office, which also updates their web page (<http://www.fig.net/jbgis/>) (Fig. 1). Each member can nominate two representatives for JB GIS meetings, which are usually held once a year related to conferences or other meetings of its members.

JB GIS is able to nominate *ad hoc* committees for certain projects and

important themes. One of them is the *Committee on Risk and Disaster Management*, which stimulated publishing of *Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management, Examples and Best Practices*. It was published by JB GIS in collaboration with the *United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs* in 2010. It is available in *pdf* at the JB GIS web page. Its purpose is to explain potential possibilities of geoinformation technologies in risk and disaster damage reduction to government officials and decision makers dealing with disasters (floods, volcanoes, earthquakes, fires...). It should help them make better decisions before, during and after disasters. The publication covers all the world's regions and all disaster risk and management aspects.

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Fig. 1. JB GIS – part of the web-site

Sl. 1. JB GIS – dio naslovne stranice

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Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JB GIS) je savez vodećih međunarodnih društava koja se bave geoprostornim informacijama, a koji ta društva zastupa na međunarodnoj razini, posebno u odnosu prema Ujedinjenim narodima i drugim globalnim organizacijama. Drugi njegov cilj je koordinacija aktivnosti društava i organizacija iz područja geoprostornih informacija.

Članice JB GIS-a su:

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JB imenuje predsjednika na razdoblje od dvije godine, a njihova stalna internetska adresa je u sklopu ureda FIG-a, koji održava i njihove web-stranice (<http://www.fig.net/jbgis/>) (sl. 1). Svaka članica može imenovati dva predstavnika za sastanke JB GIS-a, koji se održavaju obično jednom godišnje vezano uz konferencije ili neke sastanke svojih članica.

Za određene projekte i važne teme JB GIS može imenovati *ad hoc* odbore.

Jedan od takvih odbora je i *Committee on Risk and Disaster Management*, koji je potaknuo i objavljivanje publikacije: *Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management, Examples and Best Practices*. Tu je publikaciju JB GIS objavio 2010. godine u suradnji s *United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs*. U formatu *pdf* ta je publikacija dostupna na stranicama JB GIS-a. Njezina je svrha da objasni vladinim dužnosnicima i donosiocima odluka koji se bave katastrofama (poplave, vulkani, potresi, požari,...) potencijalne mogućnosti geoinformacijske tehnologije u smanjivanju rizika i gubitaka od katastrofa, a sve utemeljeno na znanju i iskustvima stručnjaka u tim područjima. Ona im treba pomoći da donose bolje odluke prije, za vrijeme i nakon katastrofa. Publikacija pokriva sve svjetske regije i sve aspekte rizika od katastrofa i upravljanja njima.

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